

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-30. (canceled)
31. (currently amended) A printer comprising:
means for printing an image according to image data;
means for retrieving ~~output~~ print control parameters and image data stored in a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;
means for setting an operation condition of said printing means according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters; and
means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data.
32. (previously presented) The printer according to claim 31, wherein the removable storage medium is a memory card.
33. (previously presented) The printer according to claim 31, wherein compressed image data is stored in the removable storage medium and the printer further comprises means for expanding the compressed image data read out from the removable storage medium.
34. (currently amended) The printer according to claim 31, further comprising means for erasing the image data and ~~output~~ print control parameters stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.
35. (currently amended) A printer comprising:
means for printing an image according to image data;
means for retrieving ~~output~~ print control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;

means for setting an operation condition of the printing means according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters;

means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data;

a sorter for sorting printed paper; and

means for controlling the sorter according to ~~output~~ print control parameters stored in the removable storage medium.

36. (currently amended) The printer according to claim 35, further comprising means for storing information of functions of the printing means and sorter into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating ~~output~~ print control parameters.

37. (currently amended) A printer comprising:

means for printing an image according to image data;

means for retrieving ~~output~~ print control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;

means for setting an operation condition of the printing means according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters;

means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data;

a finisher for stapling printed paper; and

means for controlling the finisher according to ~~output~~ print control parameters stored in the removable storage medium.

38. (currently amended) The printer according to claim 37, further comprising means for storing information of functions of the printing means and finisher into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating ~~output~~ print control parameters.

39. (currently amended) A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving ~~output~~ print control parameters and image data stored in a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters; and

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising a step of storing the image data in the removable storage medium.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising a step of erasing the image data stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising the steps of:
storing image data as compressed image data in the removable storage medium; and
reading out the image data from the removable storage medium by expanding the compressed image data.

43. (currently amended) The method of claim 39, further comprising a step of erasing ~~output~~ print control parameters stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.

44. (currently amended) A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving ~~output~~ print control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters;

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition; and

sorting the print medium with a sorter according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters.

45. (currently amended) The method of claim 44, further comprising a step of storing information of functions of the printer and the sorter into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating ~~output~~ print control parameters.

46. (currently amended) A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving ~~output~~ print control parameters and image data from a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters;

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition; and

stapling the print medium with a finisher according to the ~~output~~ print control parameters.

47. (currently amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising a step of storing information of functions of the printer and the finisher into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating ~~output~~ print control parameters.